

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

We live in uncertain times, but you can always be certain that God will be ready and willing to listen to you and your prayers. Over the next few months many things that we typically do as a council are up in the air, one of these things is our biggest fundraiser of the year which is the annual Gilman Days 4-wheeler raffle. We will be doing something but haven't decided what the best plan of action is yet. So please keep eyes and ears open as to what we will be doing because we will certainly need your help more than ever to make our fundraiser a success.

As I write this message to you I reflect on the last two years of being Grand Knight for our council, it flew by faster than I thought it would and it has been my pleasure to serve the council in this capacity. July 7th I will be handing over the Grand Knight duties to the more than capable hands of Brother Mike Gadacz. If you would like to become an officer of the council I am sure that he and Deputy Grand Knight Brian Lorenz would welcome you with open arms. I hope to see you in the near future at a Knights of Columbus event. May God bless you and your Families.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
Dave Lieser, Grand Knight
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COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight welcomed members to the June 2nd regular meeting. Our rosary was in memory of Mary Rozeski, spouse of brother knight, Doug Rozeski. .

Grand Knight thanked everyone for staying healthy during this pandemic time.

Communications: Thank you was received from Seniors of Foley public school for the council's generous donation to the senior graduation lock-in program. Thank you was received from State Council Student Loan Fund for contributing to the annual donation.

Grand Knight reminds us to meet with our insurance representative, Joe Furey. An annual review of your insurance program is a value to you and your family. Joe would like to meet with all the individual members. Call him at phone 290-9832 to set up an appointment.

Chairman Reports

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Al Sobania reported council general fund balance is \$6,855.91..

Membership: Council members were brought up to date with the Ordination of Deacon Tom Skaja to the Priesthood held on June 6th at St. Mary's Cathedral. Financial Secretary, Doug Novak Family were invited to Father Skaja's first mass at Mayhew Lake Parish. The council covered the \$561 cost of a personal mass vestment to Father Skaja. He has been assigned to assist Fr. Tim Gapinski at an area St. Cloud parish.

The council will experience its' 35th year anniversary in Spring of 2021. It will be necessary for members to organize an activity to celebrate this time. Please bring your ideas to us.

Financial Secretary, Doug Novak is soon retiring and welcomes a member to step up and apply for this position. He can be reached at 387-2382 if you have any questions.

Please consider holding a council officer position. District Deputy, Nick Dahler will be attending the July 7th regular meeting and installing the council officers.

Thank you to members who have remitted their 2020 annual dues. There are still a few members who have outstanding dues, please take care of them immediately.

Brian Lorenz has been working with Fr. Matthew on redesigning the Tri-Parish website. He is planning to include materials on the Knights of Columbus. He'd like the council members to bring forward information and even photographs for this website. He feels this will help bring new members to our organization.

Lifetime membership was presented to Brother Knights Jim Jesok and Wayne Skajewski. Congratulations Jim and Wayne for maintaining your membership with the knights.

Life Time members are welcome to make a free will donation to the council activity of their choice.

Mail your check payable to the Knights c/o Doug Novak, financial secretary at 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.

Community Activities:

The council cancelled the Gilman Days activities due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which included the 4-wheeler raffle. Members are asked to offer ideas on fund raisers the council can hold to make up for this event. We are going to miss this income which helped make all the financial donations to organizations and charities we normally made.

Council Activities: The council is planning to have a family picnic on August 16th at the Gilman Park. Further details will be discussed at the July 7th regular meeting.

The normal fishing trip at Platte Lake for June 20th has been cancelled.

A few members and their families joined together on Thursday, June 11th and cleaned the roadside ditch east and west of Gilman. Thanks to those who helped.

The Traveling Statue of Mary is still intended to continue. We need to have a council member who knows where the statue(s) are to bring them to a council meeting and get the activity moving along again.

Church Activities: With the COVID-19 virus affecting the country we all need to care for our selves. Regarding attendance at mass, follow the directive put out by the bishop and diocese.

Fr. Matthew would like to see families and youth come together for some camping experience since all of the vocations camps have been cancelled. As a council can we come up with a time or group to keep vocations active in our local area?

Members are encouraged to pray for brother knights and families sick and in distress.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Jason Brenny. Sorry to announce he was not present to collect the \$50 prize.

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight Al Sobania. Congratulations Brother Knight, Alphonse and thank you for being active in council, community and church activities.

Regular council meeting July 7, 2020 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.